

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Ashley
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Examiner:	Dinh, Minh
For:	Method and system for automatic adjustment of entitlements in a distributed data processing environment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted in conjunction with a request for continued examination.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 4, 11 and 18.

A complete claim listing begins on the next page.